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In re Application of: Bandman et al.

Title: VESICLE TRAFFICKING PROTEINS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement and Request for Election mailed May 11, 2001, setting a one month term for response.

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner requested Applicants to elect one of the following inventions:

Group I (claims 1, 2, 16, and 17) drawn to vesicle trafficking protein (VTP) polypeptides and pharmaceutical compositions thereof.

Group II (claims 3-9, 11, and 12) drawn to polynucleotides encoding, host cells expressing, and a method for producing a VTP polypeptide.

Group III (claim 10) drawn to an isolated antibody.

Group IV (claims 13-15) drawn to methods for detecting a target polynucleotide in a sample.

Group V (claims 18-19) drawn to methods for screening a compound for effectiveness as an agonist or as an antagonist.

Group VI (claim 20) drawn to a method for screening a compound for effectiveness in altering expression of a target polynucleotide.